

# +St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

**TONE 4 / EOTHINON 2**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**& FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE**

HIEROMARTYR PHOCAS, BISHOP OF SINOPE; APOSTLE QUADRATOS OF THE SEVENTY;  
MARTYR PHOCAS THE GARDENER

## Holy Hieromartyr Phocas

On September 22 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy Hieromartyr Phocas, bishop and wonderworker of Sinope, who was perfected in martyrdom by being terribly burned in a bathhouse in the reign of Trajan.

As bishop in his birthplace, the town of Sinope on the Black Sea, Phocas strengthened the faith of the true believers and converted many idol-worshippers to the true Faith. This enraged the hard-hearted pagans. In a vision from the Lord, Phocas saw a white dove fly down from heaven carrying a wreath of flowers in its beak, and lowered it onto his head. And Phocas heard a voice, saying: "Your cup is full and you should drink it!" With gratitude toward God he prepared himself for suffering. The torturers beat and wounded his whole body, and then threw Phocas into boiling water. Phocas entered into the joy of his Lord in 102. His companion, the Martyr

Phocas the Gardener, whom we also commemorate today, suffered for Christ on this day in 120.

## THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, how marvelous are Thy works.*

*In wisdom hast Thou made them all.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

## **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (16:13-24)**

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## الرسالة

ما أعظم أعمالك يا ربُّ كُلِّها بِحِكْمَةٍ صَنَعْتَ .  
باركي يا نَفْسِي الرَّب .

فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى أهل كورنثوس .

يا إخوة، إسهرُوا، أثبتُوا على الإيمان، كونُوا رجالاً، تشدّدُوا. ولتكنْ أُمُورُكُمْ كُلُّها بِالْمَحَبَّةِ. وأطلبُ إِلَيْكُمْ أَيُّها الإخوة: تعرفُونَ أَنَّ بَيْتَ إِسْتِفَانَسَ هُمْ بِأَكُورَةَ أَخَائِيَّةَ وَقَدْ خَصَّصُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ لخدمَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ. فعَلَيْكُمْ، أَنْ تَخَضَعُوا أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا لِمِثْلِ هؤُلاءِ وَلِكُلِّ مَنْ يُعَاوَنُ وَيَتَعَبُ. إِيَّيْ فَرِحَ بِحُضُورِ إِسْتِفَانَسَ وَفِرْتُونَانُوسَ وَأَخَائِكُوسَ فَقَدْ قَامُوا مَقَامَكُمْ فِي غِيَابِكُمْ، فَأَرَاخُوا رُوحِي وَأَرَوَاكُمْ. فَقَدِّرُوا أَمْثَالَهُمْ. تَسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكُمْ كَنَائِسُ آسِيَّةَ. يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي الرَّبِّ كَثِيرًا أَكِيلاً وَبِرِسْكَالَةَ وَالْكَنِيسَةَ الَّتِي فِي بَيْتِهِمَا. يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعَ الإخوةِ. سَلِّمُوا بَعْضُكُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ بِقَبْلَةِ مُقَدَّسَةِ. السَّلَامُ بِيَدِي أَنَا بُولَسَ. إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ لَا يُحِبُّ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ فَلْيَكُنْ مَفْرُوزًا. مَارَانَ أَنَا. نِعْمَةٌ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ مَعَكُمْ. مَحَبَّتِي لَكُمْ جَمِيعًا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. آمِينَ.

## THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

## الإنجيل

فصلٌ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ واقِفٌ عِنْدَ بُحَيْرَةِ جَنِّيَسَارَتِ، رَأَى سَفِينَتَيْنِ واقِفَتَيْنِ عِنْدَ شاطِئِ الْبُحَيْرَةِ، وَقَدْ انْحَدَرَ مِنْهُمَا الصَّيَّادُونَ يَغْسِلُونَ الشَّبَاكَ. فَدَخَلَ إِحْدَى السَّفِينَتَيْنِ، وَكَانَتْ لِسِمْعَانَ، وَسَأَلَهُ أَنْ يَتْبَاعِدَ قَلِيلاً عَنِ الْبَرِّ، وَجَلَسَ يُعَلِّمُ الْجُمُوعَ مِنَ السَّفِينَةِ. وَلَمَّا فَرَغَ مِنَ الْكَلَامِ، قَالَ لِسِمْعَانَ: "تَقَدَّمْ إِلَى الْعُمُقِ وَأَلْقُوا شَبَاكَكُمْ لِلصَّيْدِ." فَأَجَابَ سِمْعَانَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "يَا مُعَلِّمُ، إِنَّا قَدْ تَعَبْنَا اللَّيْلَ كُلَّهُ وَلَمْ نُصِبْ شَيْئاً، وَلَكِنْ بِكَلِمَتِكَ أَلْقَى الشَّبَاكَةَ." فَلَمَّا فَعَلُوا ذَلِكَ، اخْتَارُوا مِنَ السَّمَكِ شَيْئاً كَثِيراً حَتَّى تَخَرَّقَتْ شَبَكَتُهُمْ. فَأَشَارُوا إِلَى شُرَكَائِهِمْ فِي السَّفِينَةِ الأُخْرَى أَنْ يَأْتُوا وَيُعَاوَنُوهُمْ. فَأَتُوا وَمَلَأُوا السَّفِينَتَيْنِ حَتَّى كَادَتَا تَغْرَقَانِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى ذَلِكَ سِمْعَانُ بَطْرُسُ، خَرَّ عِنْدَ رُكْبَتَيْ يَسُوعَ قَائِلاً: "أَخْرِجْ عَنِي يَا رَبُّ، فَإِنِّي رَجُلٌ خَاطِئٌ." لِأَنَّ الْإِنْذِهَالَ اعْتَرَاهُ هُوَ وَكُلٌّ مِنْ مَعَهُ لِصَيْدِ السَّمَكِ الَّذِي أَصَابُوهُ. وَكَذَلِكَ يَعْتُوبُ وَيُوحَنَّا ابْنَا زَبْدَى اللَّذَانِ كَانَا رَفِيقَيْنِ لِسِمْعَانَ. فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِسِمْعَانَ: "لَا تَخَفْ، فَإِنَّكَ مِنَ الْآنَ تَكُونُ صَيَّاداً لِلنَّاسِ." فَلَمَّا بَلَّغُوا بِالسَّفِينَتَيْنِ إِلَى الْبَرِّ، تَرَكَوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَتَبِعُوهُ.

## Love Your Neighbor

### **September – Archdiocese collection for Seminarian Fund**

Each year in the Fall, the Archdiocese asks parishes to take a collection to help support the Antiochian Orthodox students studying at the seminaries in our country, including St Vladimir's, St Tikhon's and Holy Cross Seminary.

## Raffle Tickets

Dear parishioners: we have mailed you 4 raffle tickets for the festival. Please, consider supporting your church festival by mailing ( or bring them to church) with your payment of \$100.

## Fellowship Hall contributions

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Fellowship Hall. Your contributions allowed us to reach to this point in our project.

However, some of us neglected our obligation and commitment to the church. We are behind on our pledges to the operation of the church by \$19,000 to date. I'm counting on your faith, love and commitment to Christ and his church to make up for the deficit. I'm confident of your generosity.

In Christ,

Fr. Nicholas Borzghol

## Upcoming Events

<b>Every Sunday at 7pm</b>	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting.
<b>Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Great Vespers and Artoklasia (blessings of the five loaves) in celebration of St. John the Evangelist, our patron Saint! عيد القديس يوحنا الانجيلي شفيع كنيستنا.
<b>September 28-29</b>	Annual Middle Eastern Festival

## Coffee Hours

<b>September 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	The Atallah, Khalil, Issa, Shahin and Awwad families in memory of John Atallah.
<b>September 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Festival

## Memorial Service

The Atallah family will be offering a one year memorial service in memory of their brother, John Atallah, on September 22.

## Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, George Messih, Henriette Hilal** and **Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Sam Nassab**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Fairouz Freij**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Naim Nazzal**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nabil Wakileh**. Many years!
- † Rocky and Nada Dudum for the good health of **Sandy Dudum Bennett**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish family in memory of **Karen Mashi**. May her memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish family in memory of **Hanna (john) Theodosi**. May his memory be eternal!
- † The **Atallah, Khalil, Issa, Shahin and Awwad families** for their good health. Many years!
- † Also, in memory of **John Atallah, Saliba, Hilwa Atallah, Jamileh, Musaada, Mark Ibrahim, karim, Suheila**. May their memories be eternal!

## Candles for the altar table and in front of the icons of Christ and the Theotokos offered by:

- † Ibrahim Fasheh in memory of Hanada Fasheh for one full year. May her memory be eternal!



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- † Altar Servers: Nathan Sweis, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin, James Dudum, John Dudum, David Evans, Evan Kawar, Mason Kawar, Jonathan Juha and Maron Juha

# St. John Financial Snapshot

Year to Date Actual Finances as of 08/31/2024

INCOME	2024 Year To Date	% of Total Income	2023 Year to Date	
Membership Pledges	\$ 100,593	31%	\$ 127,703	
Tray Collections	\$ 9,268	3%	\$ 7,556	
Preschool Contribution*	\$ 173,541	54%	\$ 200,614	Includes transfer of preschool net income in October 2022 to date, to support hall loan payments
Crab Feed and Festival	\$ 22,149	7%	\$ 17,166	
Ladies Contribution	\$ -	0%	\$ -	
Other**	\$ 15,233	5%	\$ 16,124	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 320,784</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 369,164</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 320,929</b>		<b>\$ 169,921</b>	
<b>YTD Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (145)</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>\$ 199,242</b>	

\* In addition to the above, preschool payments to the church include \$400 per month to offset expenses paid by the church and \$4,883.33 per month towards the building fund (deposited directly into building fund)

\*\*Other includes bookstore, candles, flowers, palms, coffee hour, memorials, Amazon Smile program, weddings, prior year pledges

Building Fund Balance \$ 329,887.01

Those who wish to see the full financial statement should contact Parish Council Treasurer Matthew Simon

**St. John Orthodox Church**  
**501 Moraga Way**  
**Orinda, CA 94563**

You could use this QR code for your donation





## Fellowship Hall News

### Fundraising Committee Update:

So close - yet so far, but how far are we from hall completion?

When we started the construction of the project, we did so knowing that we had about \$2 Million in the building fund, and had secured a \$2.5 Million equity loan from the bank. We undertook a very ambitious plan to raise another \$2.5 Million that would bring us to the approximately \$7 million hall project. (Contract was \$6.8 M - not including kitchen equipment and amenities) We knew that if we did not raise the needed funds, we would need to slow or halt construction. To date, we have raised about one-third of our goal (a bit over \$800,000), and have also added some additional funds from the overall church budget. We have paid the contractor (Petra Construction) about \$5.3M, and are stopping all invoices until more funding can be obtained.

However - that does not mean we are stopping all work! Construction work will continue on the following parts of the project: Completion of the tile siding of the hall, completion of the pavers on the plaza, completion of the concrete stairs from the parking lot to the plaza and the plaza to the lower plaza, completion of the new exit stairwell from the church, grading of the preschool playground, and the fencing around that playground. It is anticipated that this work will be completed before the festival.

The Parish Council, building committee and fundraising committee, along with other interested members of the community are working together to determine next steps forward for closing the funding gap and completing the project. There are several ideas being explored, such as loans from parishioners, a loan from a bank, and a fundraising gala. More information will be forthcoming as soon as it is available, and of course, any loan taken with a bank will be brought to the entire parish for approval.

As always if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please see Steve Kreta - Building Committee Chair, Raif Rihani - Parish Council Chair, David Hanna - Fundraising Committee Chair, or Father Nicholas.

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St John Orthodox Church Storefront



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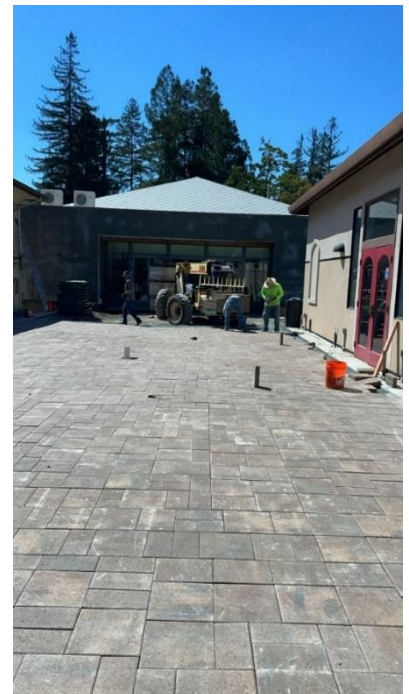
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## 30th Annual Middle Eastern Festival

**Sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church**

Festival Location: St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church Grounds, 501 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Dates: Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

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The 2024 Middle Eastern Festival will feature the finest Middle Eastern entertainment, delicious food, exotic desserts, live music, folk dancing, bazaar, Middle Eastern heritage exhibits, children's games & activities, and more.

The Festival Book, given to attendees, will include advertisements from local businesses and community supporters; welcome letters; information about St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church; a program of Festival events, attractions and exhibits; food menu; and listings of event donors and contributions.

On behalf of the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church and members of the 2024 Festival Committee, we thank you for your support.

### **Checks payable to St. John Church Festival Mail to:**

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# St. John Antiochian Orthodox Church

501 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle Eastern Food Festival

Saturday, September 28, 2024 (11 am – 8 pm)

Sunday, September 29, 2024 (12 pm – 7 pm)



Live Music ~ Grand Prize Drawing ~ Delicious Food ~ Authentic Sweets  
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